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# U.S. EPA State Climate & Energy Technical Forum



## State Programs for Building Local Government Climate & Energy Planning Capacity

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# Local Governments Matter



- Every day, local governments make decisions that impact energy and climate change
- Local actions complement, supplement, and enforce state policies and contribute to meeting state climate objectives
- Key areas of action/control
  - Municipal Operation: fleets, buildings, street and traffic lights, municipal utilities
  - Transportation: planning, transit,
  - Building Energy Use: zoning, permitting, code enforcement, residential/commercial outreach
  - Waste management: collection, landfills, waste to energy plants, recycling programs, composting
  - Water/Wastewater Treatment
  - Adaptation



# Local Government Motivations and Needs



- Local Governments are motivated by:
  - ▶ Economics (Energy up to 10% of budget)
  - ▶ Job creation
  - ▶ Air Quality (51% of Americans live with unhealthy air)
  - ▶ Quality of Life
  - ▶ Sustainability
  - ▶ Energy Security and Reliability
- Local Governments need:
  - ▶ Funding (and flexibility in funding mechanisms)
  - ▶ Direct Technical Assistance (identifying options, quantifying results, tools, training, etc)
  - ▶ Access to State Mechanisms (procurement agreements, sample policies, etc)
- It's not enough to have a program—states need to aggressively market resources to local governments



## Key EPA Resources

- Local Clean Energy Strategies Guide  
[www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-programs/state-and-local/local-best-practices.html](http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-programs/state-and-local/local-best-practices.html)
- Local Clean Energy Webcasts  
[www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-programs/state-and-local/webcast.html](http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-programs/state-and-local/webcast.html)
- Clean Energy Resources Database  
[http://cfpub.epa.gov/ceird/index.cfm?fuseaction=local.search\\_js](http://cfpub.epa.gov/ceird/index.cfm?fuseaction=local.search_js)
- Climate Showcase Communities Grants (new \$10 million grant program for local and tribal)  
<http://epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-programs/state-and-local>
- ARRA Resources  
<http://epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-programs/state-and-local/recovery.html>

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